Still Walking...

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Big Idea: We are called to live our daily lives in a way that is sharply differentiated from the world around us and from the lifestyle that characterized our pre-Christian past. As a community of believers growing together in unity to maturity, Paul continues to give us instruction on how to "walk" (live) in ways that are appropriate to our new identity in Christ.

- A Lofty Call Ephesians 1-3
- A Worthy Walk Ephesians 4-6
 - Walk in Unity (4:1-16)
 - Walk in Newness of Life (4:17-5:21)
 - Walking in light (5:3-14)
 - Darkness vs Light
 - Walking in the Spirit (5:15-21)
 - Unwise vs Wise
 - Resulting in...OR??
 - By means of...

Takeaways:

GRACE GROUP Discussion Questions

Ephesians 5:3-21 (week of Dec 8, 2019)

Spend some time catching up and talking story.

Spend some time in the text. Read Ephesians 4:17-5:21 together.

As we continue in our study of the "worthy walk," we are going to receive more and more specific and practical instruction...

- Review: What are the two descriptions of the Christian walk in Ephesians 4:1 and 4:17?.
 - What is the "therefore" there for in Ephesians 5:1?
 - In what ways are we called to imitate God according to Ephesians 4:32-5:2? Why are we to imitate Him in this way?
 - Why is God's forgiveness a display of sacrificial love?
- Read Ephesians 5:3-6. As we follow Christ's example, what are we to avoid in our speech and why?
 - How do these verses relate to Ephesians 4:29?
 - Compare with Ephesians 2:1-3. What we imitating if we are "allowing these things to be named among us"?
 - What should our response be to believers who are walking in immorality, impurity, covetousness, and idolatry?
- Read Ephesians 5:7-14.
 - Who were we formerly (apart from Christ) and where else in Ephesians do we learn about our former position?
 - Why do you think the Bible reminds us about our former standing before God so often?
 - According to Ephesians 5:8-10, who are we now? How are we to walk/live?
- Read Ephesians 5:15-21.
 - What is the "therefore" there for in Ephesians 5:15 (your translation might use "then" instead of "therefore")?
 - What do you think the key ingredient to "understanding what the will of the Lord is" and "being "filled with the Spirit"?

Spend some time sharing and praying together.

- Pray for each other. Pray for the unity of our church family.
- Pray for unbelievers in your life. Pray that Christ would shine brightly in the midst of darkness.
- Who could you personally invite to our Christmas Eve service? Pray for an opportunity to invite him/her/them.